(a) what is the break up of RPO dealers commission on Sales of MS and HSD;

(b) whether the present dealers commission on above products is sufficient to cover evaporation loss, wages and salaries, LFR, Electricity Bills, Maintenance of Toilet, Air Facilities, Telegram facilities and shrinkage loss and other administrative expenses; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Government had, based on the recommendations of the Directors' Committee, revised the dealers' commission on MS/HSD on 6.11.97. Thereafter based on the escalation formula for compensating the change in All-India Consumer Price index the oil companies again increased the Dealers' Commission for MS/HSD effective 1.4.1998. The current Dealers' Commission is as given below:—

Products	Rs./KL
MS—87	411
MS—93	448
HSD—Slab I	223
Slab II	169

Dealers paying by demand drafts to get an additional Rs. 40/KL for MS and Rs. 16/KL for HSD towards bank charges. Dealers' Commission takes into account the following elements:

(i) Return on investment;

(ii) Operating costs which includes expenses like salary and wages, electricity, insurance, repair and maintenance, telephone, uniforms, conveyance, depreciation, taxes/fees/audit, rent, printing and stationery, consumables, and shrinkage allowance where applicable.

(iii) Cost of working capital and Stock loss.

Employment of Graduate Engineers by ONGC in Assam

2758. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of graduate engineers employed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in the State of Assam at present; and

(b) the details of Assamese graduate engineers working in ONGC in Assam and also from outside the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) There are 665 graduate engineers employed by ONGC in the State of Assam as on date. Of these 164 are Assamese graduate engineers. Remaining 501 graduate engineers are from outside the State of Assam.

Allotment of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps in Assam

2759. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been allotted gas agencies and petrol pumps in the State of Assam, during the last five years;

(b) the details thereof district-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme to grant gas agencies and petrol pumps to the persons widow women who affected by terrorists in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) 46 retail outlet dealerships and 34 LPG distributorships have been allotted in Assam during last 5 years i.e. from 1993-94 to 1997-98.

(c) and (d) As per existing policy, reservation for different categories is provided as under:

Scheduled Casts/ Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST)	— 25%
Physically Handicapped Persons (PH)	— 5%
Paramilitary/Police/ Government Personnel (PMP)	— 8%
Defence Personnel (DC)	— 8%
Freedom Fighters (FF)	— 2%
Outstanding Sportspersons (OSP)	— 2%
Open (O)	— 50%

33% of the dealerships/distributorships in all the categories mentioned above are reserved for Women belonging to that category. Other things being equal, Unmarried women above 40 years of age without earning parents and Widows are given priority over others. There is no separate reservation for terrorists affected widows.

Promotion of SC candidates in Mathura refinery

2760. SHRI R.N. ARYA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Commission had issued direction for ED Mathura Refinery and Chairman IOC to promote SC candidate for the post of Instrumentation Engineer MRP Mathura; and

(b) why did a general candidate get promoted in place of a SC candidate available on eligibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes had advised the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) In April 1998 to hold a review DPC to give effect to the promotion of an SC candidate to the post of Instrumentation Engineer. The Corporation informed the Commission in May' 1998 that it was not feasible to implement the advice within the framework of Presidential Directives and the latest guidelines on SC/ST matters. Since there was no shortfall of SC candidates in the cadre of Instrumentation Engineer, the case of the SC candidate was considered by the DPC alongwith other eligible candidates in the feeder cadre for promotion against in unreserved vacancy. However, he could not make the grade and a general candidate who was also the senior most, was promoted on merit against this unreserved vacancy. The National Commission was also informed accordingly by IOCL.

Investment Promotional Scheme in Gujarat

2761. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have introduced Investment Promotional Scheme in the State of Gujarat for development of wastelands belonging to individual farmers in the state;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how many farmers in the State have so far been covered under the scheme as on date with details district wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BABA GOUDA PATIL): (a) and (b) Originalely, this Central Sector Investment Promotional Scheme for development of non-forests wastelands